

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

On February 3, 2004, Applicants received a "NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION" in connection with U.S. Application No. 10/698,243, under 1.53(b) setting a two (2) months time period to respond to the Notice. The Notice identified the following items as missing or omitted:

- i) a signed oath or declaration; and
- ii) Figs. 28-30.

An executed declaration and surcharge are being submitted concurrently with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment.

Applicants are amending the specification to cancel reference to omitted Figs. 28-30. More particularly, paragraphs numbered [43], [44], [45], [81] and [82] have been deleted from the specification. Also, Applicants have deleted the headings on pages 28 and 29 entitled "Ink Identification" and "Multi-layer Paint Fragments." No new matter has been entered as a result of this change.

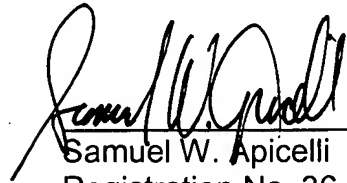
Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Appln. No.: 1010/698,243
Docket No.: E2079-00012
Preliminary Amendment

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the above-identified application, Applicants' undersigned Attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at 717-237-5516.

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